Yay fale 2 Honorable Gary Spraker 3 United States Bankruptcy Judge 4 || Entered on Docket **₹Nb**vember 22, 2021 6 Jeffrey L. Hartman, Esq. Michael S. Budwick, Esq. #938777 – Admitted *Pro Hac Vice* Solomon B. Genet, Esq. #617911 - Admitted Pro Hac Vice Nevada Bar No. 1607 Gil Ben-Ezra, Esq. #118089 - Admitted Pro Hac Vice **HARTMAN & HARTMAN** 8 MELAND BUDŴICK, P.A. 510 W. Plumb Lane, Suite B 3200 Southeast Financial Center Reno, Nevada 89509 200 South Biscayne Boulevard T: (775) 324-2800 Miami, Florida 33131 10 l F: (775) 324-1818 T: (305) 358-6363 F: (305) 358-1221 notices@bankruptcyreno.com 11 mbudwick@melandbudwick.com sgenet@melandbudwick.com 12 gbenezra@melandbudwick.com 13 Attorneys for Christina W. Lovato, Chapter 7 Trustee 14 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 15 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 16 In re Lead Case No.: BK-19-50102-gs (Chapter 7) 17 DOUBLE JUMP, INC. Substantively consolidated with: 18 Debtor. 19-50130-gs DC Solar Solutions, Inc. 19 DC Solar Distribution, Inc. 19-50131-gs DC Solar Freedom, Inc. 19-50135-gs 20 21 22 ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTOCOL FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS¹ 23 24 **Hearing Date: Hearing Time:** 25 26 27 ¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the 28 Motion.

The matter came before the Court on the Motion to Establish Protocol for Production of Documents ("Motion") filed as [ECF No. 2796], filed by chapter 7 Trustee Christina Lovato ("Trustee"). Based upon the Motion, and good cause appearing, the following protocol for production of documents ("Production Protocol") is adopted to establish a mechanism through which the Trustee may respond to requests for production of documents contained within the books and records of DC Solar Solutions, Inc., DC Solar Distribution, Inc., DC Solar Freedom, Inc., and Double Jump, Inc ("Debtors").

The Court shall consider at the scheduling conference to be held at 9:30 A.M. PT on November 15, 2021 the balance of the relief sought in the Motion relating to any requests to the Trustee for production of documents produced to her by third-parties during the course of her Bankruptcy Rule 2004 investigation of the Debtors or otherwise.

Production Protocol

- 1. In order to ensure the efficient function of the discovery process, as set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and to protect personal identifiable information ("PII") contained within the Debtors' books and records, this Production Protocol shall govern the mechanism for the Trustee's production of documents in response to subpoenas: (1) issued by a party in interest to an adversary proceeding filed in the Debtors' Bankruptcy Case; or (2) issued by parties in litigations related to the Debtors.
- 2. <u>The Protected Materials</u>: The Trustee received the Debtors books and records in at least three formats:
 - a. <u>Electronically Stored Information ("ESI")</u>: The Trustee received: (1) a hard drive containing image copies of the Debtors' servers in their state as of December 18, 2018 ("Preserved Servers"); (2) a hard drive containing scans of most of the documents that the United States government seized from the Debtors on December 18, 2018 ("Scanned Physical Documents"); and (3) additional documents in the U.S.A.'s possession that were provided to the Trustee electronically ("Additional Scanned Documents").

- b. <u>Physical Documents</u>: The Trustee received physical copies of certain documents that the United States government did not seize from the Debtors ("*Remaining Physical Documents*").
- c. <u>Electronic Devices</u>: The Trustee received 58 total devices that were not seized by the United States government ("*Remaining Devices*").

(Collectively, the "Protected Materials").

- Signed Agreement To Protect And Secure Protected Materials And Otherwise Comply With This Production Protocol: Before receiving any Protected Materials from the Trustee, the party seeking production of the Protected Materials ("Requesting Party") must review a copy of this Production Protocol and acknowledge its intent to be bound by the Production Protocol by signing the form, titled Agreement to Comply With Order Establishing Protocol For Production of Documents ("Agreement to Comply"), attached as Exhibit A. By signing the Agreement to Comply, the Requesting Party acknowledges that the Protected Materials may contain PII and agrees:
 - a. To maintain the Protected Materials safely and securely, including both electronic and physical documents, such that:
 - i. Physical documents are stored in a secure physical location, such as a locked office where visitors are not left unescorted.
 - ii. Electronic documents are stored on an encryption-protected medium and relevant encryption keys must be stored securely.
 - iii. In all cases, a copy of this Production Protocol must be stored with the Protected Materials.
 - b. Not to disclose the Protected Materials, or the information contained therein, to any third-party without the Trustee or her counsel's written permission except as provided in sub-paragraph 3(d). Requesting Party includes that party's officers, directors, employees (including in-house counsel) attorneys, agents, and expert witnesses to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for the litigation(s) for which the Protected Materials are sought.

- c. To comply with all applicable rules, regulations, and statutes regarding the protection and non-dissemination of PII. Notwithstanding the forgoing a Requesting Party may use specific documents included within the Protected Materials as an exhibit to a deposition or in a public court filing provided the Requesting Party redacts all categories of PII protected by F.R.C.P. 5.2 and F.R.B.P. 9037 in accordance with those rules.
- d. In the event the Requesting Party receives a third-party's request for production that seeks documents that had previously been produced to the Requesting Party by the Trustee, the Requesting Party shall (1) notify the Trustee in writing within 3 business days of receiving such a request; and (2) object to said request for production, including (if necessary) by moving for a protective order; unless the third-party agrees to be bound by this Production Protocol by executing a copy of the Agreement to Comply and providing that signed copy to the Trustee.
- 4. Production of ESI From The Preserved Servers And The Additional Scanned Documents: The Trustee shall remove documents that she has identified as containing potential PII ("Potential PII") from: (1) a copy of the hard drive on which the Preserved Servers are stored; and (2) a copy of the Additional Scanned Documents. The Trustee may then provide that both to the Requesting Party, along with a log identifying the documents that have been removed ("Potential PII Log") identifying, to the extent possible, the document's metadata. The Requesting Party may seek the production of specific documents listed in the Potential PII Log from the Trustee, provided both that the request otherwise complies with Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Any such additional documents provided by the Trustee shall be maintained in a safe and secure manner as described above.
- 5. **Production Of The Scanned Physical Documents:** The Trustee shall produce a copy of the hard drive on which the Scanned Physical Documents are stored to the Requesting Party.
- 6. <u>Production of the Remaining Physical Documents And The Remaining</u>

 Physical Devices: If a Requesting Party seeks production of the Remaining Physical Documents

or the Remaining Devices, the Requesting Party shall: (a) serve a valid subpoena seeking an inspection of the same on the Trustee; and (b) within ten days of serving said subpoena on the Trustee, meet and confer with the Trustee's counsel to identify mutually acceptable time(s) on which the Trustee shall make the Remaining Physical Documents and the Remaining Devices available for inspection, copying, and/or imaging done. Any inspection of the Remaining Physical Documents or the Remaining Devices shall take place no earlier than 30 days after the Requesting Party serves a valid subpoena on the Trustee. The Requesting Party shall be solely responsible for arranging for and bearing the cost of any copying, imaging, or other analysis of the Remaining Physical Documents or the Remaining Devices.

- 7. Conclusion of Respective Adversary Proceeding: The provisions of this Production Protocol shall not terminate at the conclusion of an adversary proceeding related to these Bankruptcy Cases or of any other litigation to which the Trustee is not a party. Upon final disposition of this Bankruptcy Case, any related adversary proceedings, or any third-party litigation in connection with which the Trustee has provided a Requesting Party with the Protected Materials, including in all cases the exhaustion of direct and collateral appellate proceedings, counsel for the Requesting Party shall return the Protected Materials to the Trustee or certify in writing that the Protected Materials have been destroyed. If any Protected Materials are used as exhibits, they shall be maintained as long as required by applicable rule.
- 8. <u>Modification of Order</u>: Nothing in this Production Protocol shall prevent any party from seeking modification to, or relief from, the Production Protocol, or from objecting to discovery it otherwise believes to be improper. Nothing in this Production Protocol shall prevent any party from seeking more restrictive protections with regard to particular discovery items.
- 9. <u>Application of Laws</u>: Nothing in this Production Protocol shall be construed to: (a) affect or comment on the admissibility or discoverability of the Protected Materials; or (b) affect the application of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Bankruptcy Rules, or applicable local rules and statutes.

10. **Retention of Jurisdiction**: The Court retains jurisdiction to adjudicate any issues or disputes arising from this Production Protocol and any Agreement to Comply executed pursuant to this Production Protocol.

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Submitted by:

DATED: November 16, 2021.

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1 2 **ALTERNATIVE METHOD Re: RULE 9021** 3 In accordance with Local Rule 9021, counsel submitting this document certifies that the order accurately reflects the court's ruling and that (check one): 4 The court has waived the requirement set forth in LR 9021(b)(1). 5 No party appeared at the hearing or filed an objection to the paper. 6 X I have delivered a copy of the proposed order to all counsel who appeared at the hearing, 7 any trustee appointed in this case and any unrepresented parties who appeared at the hearing, and 8 each has approved or disapproved the order, or failed to respond as indicated below. 9 **Approved By:** 10 Megan M. Adeyemo 11 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP 12 Mark M. Maloney 13 Jeffrey R. Duston 14 King & Spalding LLP Attorneys for Truist Equipment Finance Corp. 15 f/k/a SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp. 16 **No Response From:** 17 Kathryn S. Diemer 18 Diemer & Wei, LLP 19 Christopher P. Burke 20 Christopher P. Burke & Associates Attorneys for King Solarman, Inc. 21 22 I certify that this is a case under chapter 7 or 13, that I have served a copy of this order 23 with the motion pursuant to LR 9014(g), and that no party has objected to the form or content of 24 the order. 25 Trustee's Counsel: 26 X Prepared / Approved the form of this order 27 Waived the right to review the order and/or 28 Appeared at the hearing, waived the right to review the order

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Matter unopposed, did not appear at the hearing, waived the right to review the order
Disapproved the form of this order
Did not respond to the paper
<u>U.S. Trustee</u> :Approved the form of this order
Disapproved the form of this order
Waived the right to review the order and/or
Did not respond to the paper
X Did not appear at the hearing or object to the paper
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Submitted by:
Meland Budwick, P.A. /s/ Gil Ben-Ezra
Gil Ben-Ezra (Admitted <i>Pro Hac Vice</i>)
(FL Bar No. 118089)

AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTOCOL FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

1.	represent and am authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of
2.	I have reviewed the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada's Order Establishing Protocol For Production Of Documents, entered in the bankruptcy case No. BK-19-50102-gs, ECF No (the " <i>Order</i> ").
3.	hereby agrees to be bound by, and shall comply with, the Order in all respects.
4.	The Bankruptcy Court shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate all disputes arising out of this Agreement.
Ex	ecuted on:
	By
	Authorized Representative For